

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A fastening tape for a hygiene item having a fastening area for permanent fastening on the hygiene item and having a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to a hygiene item surface of the hygiene item, whereby the fastening tape has a protruding section between the closing area and a tape end adjacent to the closing area, wherein the protruding section has a separate grip area having a surface with a macroscopic structure, and being formed by a structurally independent component that is structurally independent from said closing area, wherein said separate grip area has no remaining hooks being of a different type of material than the material of said closing area.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the structurally ~~separate~~ independent component is a film having a thickness of more than 100 µm.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is designed like a film.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the surface of the separate grip area has embossing.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 5, wherein the embossing has a plurality of straight and/or curved lines, some of which are joined together.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is arranged on a grip edge of the protruding section.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is arranged with an offset to the tape end.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is designed in strips and runs, at least in part, essentially along a grip edge and/or the tape end in its shape.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area runs in a meandering pattern.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is approximately the same distance from the closing area as from the tape end.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is only on an inside of the fastening tape.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is only on an outside of the fastening tape.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area comprises a common grip area on both sides of the fastening tape or separate grip areas are provided on each side of the fastening tape.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, comprising two identically shaped and sized grip areas on both sides of the fastening tape.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, comprising two separate film-like grip areas having surfaces with different macroscopic structures.

Claims 17-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to claim 1 wherein the closing area comprises a plurality of hooks.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The hygiene item according to claim 26, wherein the closing area comprises a plurality of hooks and the hygiene item further comprises a frontal tape on an outside surface of the hygiene item, said frontal tape comprising a plurality of loops corresponding to the hooks, said hooks and loops forming a two component fastening system.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A hygiene item comprising a diaper and a diaper fastening tape, the diaper comprising a diaper surface and the diaper fastening tape comprising a fastening area for permanent fastening on the diaper, a closing area for simultaneous detachable joining to the diaper surface, and a tape end adjacent to the closing area, wherein the fastening tape has a protruding section between the closing area and the tape end and the protruding section has a separate grip area having a surface with a macroscopic structure, ~~and wherein~~

~~said separate grip area has no remaining hooks~~ and being formed  
by a structurally independent component that is structurally  
independent from said closing area, said separate grip area being  
of a different type of material than the material of said closing  
area.

Claims 27-28 (Canceled).